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**From:** Wester, Barbara [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=CEA2B9B4C21E414495BC675184A5291B-BEWESTER]  
**Sent:** 11/30/2018 3:57:08 PM  
**To:** Carlson, Deborah [carlson.deboraha@epa.gov]; Melodia, Craig [melodia.craig@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed permit MN0057207 U.S. Steel Minntac Tailings Basin

10:30 works for me – i'm working at home today, so either call my office number or send call in number?

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**From:** Carlson, Deborah  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 9:55 AM  
**To:** Melodia, Craig <melodia.craig@epa.gov>; Wester, Barbara <wester.barbara@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed permit MN0057207 U.S. Steel Minntac Tailings Basin

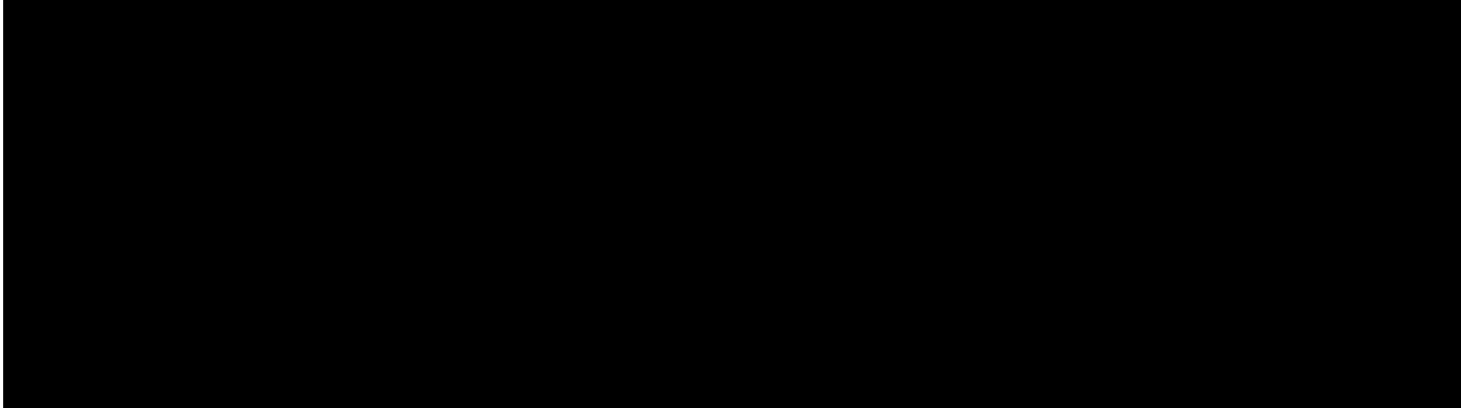
Hi Craig and Barbara - can I give you a call on this? If so would 10:30 be ok? I meant to call Barbara about her email on this the other day but it's been a busy week.

Deb

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**From:** Melodia, Craig  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** Carlson, Deborah; Wester, Barbara  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed permit MN0057207 U.S. Steel Minntac Tailings Basin

Hi Deb, We have a call with Fond du lac this afternoon to discuss the proposed Minntac permit. 




Thanks,

Craig

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**From:** Carlson, Deborah  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2018 4:30:59 PM  
**To:** Wester, Barbara; Melodia, Craig  
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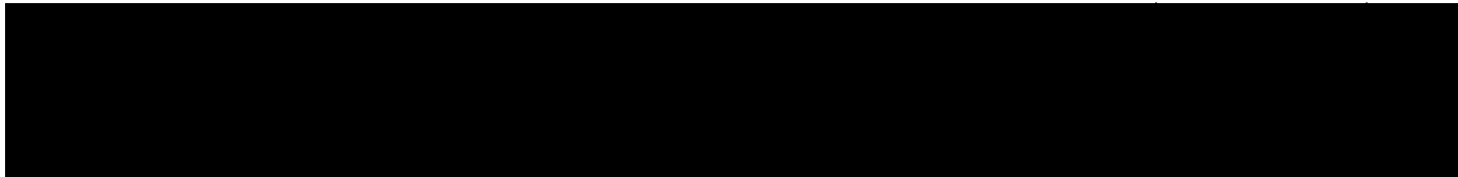
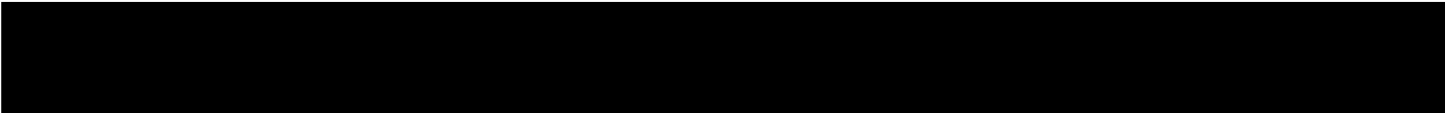
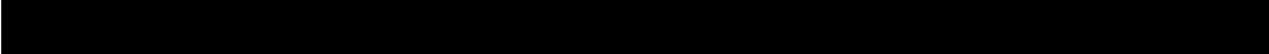


Deb

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**From:** Wester, Barbara  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 5:01 PM  
**To:** Melodia, Craig <[melodia.craig@epa.gov](mailto:melodia.craig@epa.gov)>; Carlson, Deborah <[carlson.deboraha@epa.gov](mailto:carlson.deboraha@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed permit MN0057207 U.S. Steel Minntac Tailings Basin

thanks craig – let me know if there is anything i can do to help – we are reviewing the proposed polymet permit right now.

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**From:** Melodia, Craig  
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**Subject:** FW: Proposed permit MN0057207 U.S. Steel Minntac Tailings Basin

Fyi – we received the Minntac permit.

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**From:** Bauer, Candice  
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**Subject:** FW: Proposed permit MN0057207 U.S. Steel Minntac Tailings Basin

As we now have received the proposed permit, I will also start to work to update the last briefing paper to identify areas of concern that remain so that this can be provided to management. Any help you can provide on that would be appreciated. By my calculations, our 15 day review period ends Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Let me know if you would like to discuss this further this week.

Candice

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**From:** Schaller, Andrea  
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**Subject:** Proposed permit MN0057207 U.S. Steel Minntac Tailings Basin

Please find attached the Proposed NPDES/SDS Permit for the Minntac Tailings Basin for final review by EPA (15 days). This permit has been revised based on comments received during the public notice period in December 2016. Received comments are located on the MPCA website at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/wq-wwprm1-28c.pdf>

All other documents including MPCA's response to the comments are attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Erik Smith**

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